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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, relative to law enforcement officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 3, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section \_\_\_\_\_. (a) No person who belongs to a group that advocates harm to persons based solely upon such persons' race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry, whether or not such belief or perception is correct, shall be eligible to be employed as a law enforcement officer.

(b) Any person who willfully and falsely submits an application for employment as a law enforcement officer stating that such person is not presently a member of a group that advocates harm to persons based solely upon such persons' race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry, whether or not such belief or perception is correct, shall be guilty of perjury and subject to the penalties provided in § 39-16-702.

(c) Any person convicted of perjury pursuant to this act shall not be eligible for employment as a law enforcement officer.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.